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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** Since Oct'14  
*Department of Economics of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) & Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (Barcelona GSE)*

**Associate Economist** Since Nov'15  
*Knowledge Sharing Network (KSNET)*, a firm dedicated to knowledge transfer, making academic research in economics accessible to society, firms, public administration, and the third sector.

**Editor** Since Mar'15  
*Politikon*, an analysis group focused on political issues, policymaking and social sciences in general. Its goal is to look at reality from an analytical perspective and to debate proposals for the progress of society.

**Junior Policy Analyst** Jul'16 – Dec'16  
*Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*, at the Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD) in the Secretariat for the Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

**Research Fellow** Sep'07 – Oct'14  
*Barcelona Institute of Economics (IEB)*, a University of Barcelona research centre specialized in the field of applied economics, especially in Fiscal Federalism and Regional Economics.

**Research Fellow** Oct' 10 – Feb'13  
*Office of Evaluation and Oversight (OVE) at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*

**Junior assistant** Jan'07 – Oct'07  
*D'Aleph*, an economic consultancy firm specialising in the provision of advisory services to the public sector.

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## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Economics** (*Excellent Cum Laude*), University of Barcelona Sep'10 – Oct'14  
*Dissertation:* Essays on the Political Economy of Local Corruption  
*Advisors:* Albert Solé-Ollé and Pilar Sorribas-Navarro  
*Reading Committee:* Víctor Lapuente (Chair), Francesco Sobbrío and Santiago Sánchez Páges

**MSc in Economics**, University College of London Sep'09 – Sep'10

*Dissertation:* Does privatization influence corruption perceptions? Evidence from Latin America

*Advisor:* Imran Rasul

**MSc in Economics**, University of Barcelona Sep'07 – Jun'09

*Dissertation:* Do voters punish corrupt mayors? Recent evidence from Spain

*Advisor:* Albert Solé-Ollé and Pilar Sorribas-Navarro

**B.A. in Economics**, University of Barcelona Sep'03 – Jun'07

## RESEARCH STAYS

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Sept'17 – Dec'17 Quality of Government Institute (QoG), Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg (Sweden)

Apr'16 – Jun'16 Department of Government at London School of Economics (UK)

Feb'16 – Apr'16 Centre de recherches politiques (CEVIPOF) at Sciences Po (France)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2017 - 2018 Instructor, Macroeconomics I, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

2016 - 2017 Instructor, Macroeconomics I, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Spring 2016 Political Science and Political Economy: Advanced Topics, London School of Economics

2015 - 2016 Instructor, Introduction to Economics, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

2014 - 2015 Instructor, Microeconomics II, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

## FELLOWSHIPS

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2016 Postdoctoral fellowship awarded by the “Societat Econòmica Barcelonesa d'Amics del País (SEBAP)”.

2009 - 2010 Predoctoral fellowship (FPU), awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education.

2009 Predoctoral fellowship (FI), awarded by the Catalan Government.

2008 - 2009 Predoctoral fellowship (APIF), awarded by the University of Barcelona.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Costas-Pérez, Elena, Albert Solé-Ollé, and Pilar Sorribas-Navarro. "Corruption scandals, voter information, and accountability." *European Journal of Political Economy* 28, no. 4 (2012): 469-484.

## **BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

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Victor Lapuente (coord), *La Corrupción En España. Un Paseo Por El Lado Oscuro De La Democracia Y El Gobierno*, Alianza Ensayo, (2016).

*Les subvencions d'anivellament fiscal dels governs locals a Europa*, (with N. Bosch and M. Espasa). Barcelona Deputation. Studies Collection, Barcelona (2008). [*Las subvenciones de nivelación de los gobiernos locales en Europa*, Fundación Democracia y Gobierno Local].

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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Costas-Pérez, Elena, 2016. "Political Corruption on Turnout: Mobilization or Disaffection?", (*Job Market Paper*).

Costas-Pérez, Elena, Albert Solé-Ollé, and Pilar Sorribas-Navarro, 2014. "Press Coverage of Political Scandals: Slant and Capture".

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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Balcells, L.; Costas-Pérez, E.; De Vries, C.; Gallego, A.; and Solaz, H., " Political Legacies of Corruption", 2017.

Costas-Pérez, E.; de Moragas, A-I.; and Sánchez-Vidal, M. "Jobs lost, votes lost? Labour demand shocks and electoral accountability", 2017.

Costas-Pérez, E.; and Foucault, M. " Satisfaction with government and corruption", 2016.

Costas-Pérez, E., "Does privatization influence corruption perceptions? Evidence from Latin America", 2012.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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*Making Development Co-operation More Effective: 2016 Progress Report*, (with C.Cesca, J. Fouassier, A.Guerrero, V.Orru, N. Wanner and P. Chichereau). UNDP&OECD (2016).

*Evaluation of the Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism (ICIM)*, (with V. Elliott, K. Truong, W. Partridge, and M.V. Junho-Pena), Inter-American Development Bank Publications, (2013).

*Evaluation of Transnational Programs at the IDB*, (with J.M. Puerta, L. Atuesta, M.E. Corrales and J. Sekkel), Inter-American Development Bank Publications, (2012).

*Country Program Evaluation: Peru (2007-2011)*, (with E. Cobas, R. Grassi and M. Soldano), Inter-American Development Bank Publications, (2013).

## **REFEREE ACTIVITY**

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American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, European Journal of Political Economy, British Journal of Political Science, Local Government Studies, Social Science Journal, European Political Science Review, Governance, International Political Science Review.

## **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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- 2017 Quality of Government Institute (QoG), Department of Political Science at the University of Gothenburg (Sweden)
- 2016 CEVIPOF - Centre de recherches politiques de Sciences Po Internal Seminar; Political Science and Political Economy Group (PSPE) Research Seminar at London School of Economics (LSE)
- 2014-15 Barcelona Graduate School of Economics (GSE) Winter Workshop; Political Behaviour Seminar at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain; Silvaplana Workshop in Political Economy, Switzerland; Political Economy Workshop, Catholic University of Milan, Italy; Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Vienna; Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society.

## **LANGUAGES**

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Spanish and Catalan (native), English (high written and oral proficiency) & Portuguese (basic written and oral proficiency).

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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- Advanced user of econometric programs: Stata, E-views, and SPSS.
- Intermediate user: R and GAUSS.
- Advanced user of all MS Office packages: Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint, and LATEX.